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Dear Mr. E

Since I have interesting news and some other questions which I have to discuss with you in advance, so we can reach a solution at our next meeting, I am writing from Detroit where I am on tour.

1. Surprisingly, on 26 October there arrived from Madrid, in Toronto, Prince Karl Zu Leiningen, the brother-in-law of King Simeon and husband of Princess Maria Louisa. Officially he is here on private business but actually he was sent to see me to bring some news and discuss something with me. He called me from the airport when he arrived and came to see me the next day at my home, where we talked. As a result of my insistence during my visit to the Court last summer, that Colonel Malchev be relieved of his position, the Prince informed me that this wish has been satisfied. Malchev no longer holds a position at Court and will not be in a position to influence the King on political affairs. He has now been pensioned. His replacement has not been named. This question will be settled in the next few weeks and also at this time the question of Bulgarian Representation abroad will be settled. We discussed this problem, but it would be better if one (Doohev) could discuss these matters by taking a direct part in the discussions. We touched on the subject of the Madrid radio and the King's activities in general. We also talked of the King's trip to the U. S. and Canada, but this subject was left open. If you want to insert people (in the court) who are in complete harmony with FBPRIME policy, can influence the decisions of the King, and reorganize Radio Madrid; I figure I am the one, inasmuch as I was the person who most seriously influenced the King to remove Malchev. Therefore if I could take direct part in the discussions and decisions to be made in the coming weeks in Madrid, we would be able to do that which we desire. If this is your desire, then it is essential that I go to Madrid immediately and remain at least one month. In order to cover the true mission of the Prince to Toronto, I organized a party at which I presented the Prince to a circle of our friends. General conversations were carried on and it was made known that the Prince was there on private business and was returning directly to Madrid. In addition to the above I want to bring your attention to an important question directly connected with the problems involving King Simeon. At our last meeting when discussing the question of the King's visit to the U. S. and Canada, you told me my efforts in this respect were in vain. I realize that you have in mind that if the U.S. were to restore diplomatic relations with Bulgaria, a visit by the King would be inconvenient. Therefore I am delaying any further organization regarding the visit. However I have another matter to discuss. If the U.S. restores diplomatic relations, then a large number of officials will be sent to the Legation in Sofia. I am the only one capable of organizing my friends inside Bulgaria in such a way as to serve our cause. Would it not be possible for me to go to Bulgaria disguised as a member of the American staff? If I had the possibility of working there for one year, I would have an irreplaceable apparatus of people which would be wonderful for our work.

2. In connection with the question of training members of the groups, I want to let you know that I am arranging that each person separately will train himself (i.e. physical condition) by going hunting, skiing, etc. to get into better shape.

3. In connection with my travels and the necessity of checking operationally on my people, I stayed three days in New York and I figured I would see them the next time we meet in New York, without making a separate trip. From New York I returned to Canada (Ottawa) because I had received word that the various ethnic groups had been invited to participate in the celebrations connected with the visit of the Queen. I felt that I should be there to be well-looked-upon by the Canadian authorities. I utilized this trip to arrange a side trip to Montreal. Now I am in Detroit and will also visit Hamilton, Canada, Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, and Buffalo. Since the \$200 dollars for travel (received at October meeting) was supposed to include my trip to Buffalo when I met with [redacted] in September, as well as my trip to New York in October, my travel expenses exceed \$200 and I will not be able to go to Pittsburgh or Chicago. But in order to be able to see you in November I will need some \$200 more to cover these expenses, which will close out this phase of my travels. I have a letter from Radi Slavov in Pittsburgh in which he asks to meet with me along with Bayharoff and Gospodinov in Pittsburgh. The latter two would come up from D. C. I feel that this kind of meeting would be useful and enable me to find out about Baharoff and Gospodinov's activities in D. C; things that might be of importance in our work.

4. For your information concerning the eventuality of my buying a restaurant in Toronto to insure my future livelihood, as I told you earlier if I can make this purchase I can work in the future for you without requiring any salary. But the present tenant, by contract, has to renew his option for renting the restaurant by 31 December or relinquish the right of the landlord to rent to someone else. The latest I can make a deal is the middle of December. I have no way of knowing if the owner has already made some kind of commitment. I would like to repeat that the money you would give me would be returned. I am expecting [redacted] to call me on the 12th to inform me about the meeting on the 14th when we can talk at length.